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SUBJECT: FINAL VERSION OF THE REPORT ON THE INTEROPERABILITY
AND SECURITY OF MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS IN NATO

REFS (A) USNATO 1509 (DTG 161952Z MAR 77); (B) STATE 60851
(DTG 182136Z MAR 77); (C) STATE 54244 (DTG 110133Z MAR 77)

1. WE WERE UNABLE TO GET AGREEMENT TO THE CHANGES WE PROPOSED
IN REF A AND WASHINGTON APPROVED IN REF B. THE FRG INSISTED
THAT THE REPORT RETAIN THE ORIGINAL WORDING IN PARA 4(E) OF
THE SUMMARY AND PARA 109 OF THE BODY.

2. UPON LEARNING OF THE FRG OBJECTION TO THE CHANGE, WE CON-
TACTED THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO SEEK A REVERSAL OF ITS POSITION.
THE GERMAN DELEGATION WAS UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION, AND LOCAL
REPS SAW NO REASON FOR GERMANY TO OBJECT TO THE US CHANGES.
SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY REPS IN THE GERMAN DELEGATION
YIELDED THESE FACTS, REPORTED TO US:

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A. THE GERMAN OBJECTION ORIGINATED IN MILREP
CHANNELS AND CAME ABOUT BECAUSE SOME GERMANS IN BONN
LITERALLY MISUNDERSTOOD THE US-PROPOSED CHANGES. THEY
ERRONEOUSLY CONSTRUED THE LIMITATION THE US WAS IM-
POSING ON JTIDS AS APPLYING ALSO TO THE GERMAN MACS.

B. OUR CONTACT IN THE LOCAL DELEGATION CONVINCED
HIS BONN COUNTERPARTS OF THEIR ERROR AND REQUESTED A
REVERSAL IN THE GERMAN POSITION.

C. THE ORIGINAL BONN POSITION HAD BEEN COORDINATED
AMONG A NUMBER OF AGENCIES, AND A CHANGE ALSO WOULD
REQUIRE THE SAME COORDINATION. THE ACTION OFFICERS
CONCERNED BEGGED OFF ATTEMPTING TO DO THIS
IN THE APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS AVAILABLE (DEADLINE
IMPOSED BY NATO HQ.)

D. THEREFORE, GERMANY DOES NOT IN FACT NOW
OBJECT TO THE CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE US, BUT THE
BUREAUCRACY WAS UNABLE TO RESPOND TO REMOVE THE OB-
JECTION OFFICIALLY REGISTERED EARLIER.

3. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN PARA 2 OF REF C, WE CON-
SENTED TO NON-INCLUSION OF THIS CHANGE IN THE REPORT.
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